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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 March 2006.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 August 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over RAPPAPORT (US 4,851,859) in view of LANFORD (US 3,115,630).

As per claim 1, Rappaport teaches the claimed "an apparatus" comprising: a discone antenna including a cone-shaped element (Rappaport, figure 2, discone antenna 18), the physical shape of which is at least primarily defined by at least one pleat, wherein each pleat includes a vertex having an included angle of less than 180 degrees as directed away from principal axis of the cone-shaped element which Rappaport does not explicitly disclose. However, Lanford teaches such the physical shape of which is at least primarily defined by at least one pleat, wherein each pleat includes a vertex having an included angle of less than 180 degrees as directed away from principal axis of the cone-shaped element is widely used in the art (Lanford, see column 2, lines 13-27). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide Rappaport's discone antenna with pleated shape structure, as taught by Lanford doing so it would improve the performance of the antenna.

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Claim 2 adds into claim 1, wherein the discone antenna includes a disc-shaped element whose physical shape is at least partially defined by a fractal geometry (Rappaport, figure 2, disc 28).

Claim 3 adds into claim 1, wherein the physical shape of the cone-shaped element includes a least one hole (Lanford, figure 2, column 2, lines 13-27).

Claim 4 adds into claim 1, wherein the physical shape of the cone-shaped element is at least partially defined by a series of pleats that extend about a portion of the cone which Rappaport does not explicitly disclose. However, Lanford teaches such physical shape with pleat is widely used in the art (Lanford, see column 2, lines 13-27). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide Rappaport's discone antenna with pleated shape structure, as taught by Lanford doing so it would improve the performance of the antenna.

5. Claims 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over KLOPACH et al. (US 3,656,166) in view of LANFORD (US 3,115,630).

As per claim 5, Klopach teaches the claimed "an apparatus" comprising: a bicone antenna including two cone-shaped elements (Klopach, figure 3, conical members 12 and 14) the physical shape of at least one of which is at least partially defined by at least one pleat, wherein each pleat includes a vertex having an included angle of less than 180 degrees as directed away from principal axis of the cone-shaped element which Rappaport does not explicitly disclose. However, Lanford teaches such the physical shape of which is at least primarily defined by at least one pleat, wherein

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each pleat includes a vertex having an included angle of less than 180 degrees as directed away from principal axis of the cone-shaped element is widely used in the art (Lanford, see column 2, lines 13-27). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide Rappaport's discone antenna with pleated shape structure, as taught by Lanford doing so it would improve the performance of the antenna.

Claim 6 adds into claim 5, wherein the physical shape of one of the two cone-shaped elements is at least partially defined by at least one hole (Lanford, figure 2, column 2, lines 13-27).

Claim 7 adds into claim 5, wherein the physical shape of one of the two cone-shaped elements is at least partially defined by a series of pleats that extend about a portion of the cone which Klopach does not explicitly disclose. However, Lanford teaches such physical shape with pleat is widely used in the art (column 2, lines 13-27). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide Klopach's discone antenna with pleated shape structure, as taught by Lanford doing so it would improve the performance of the antenna.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claims 8-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by

LANFORD (US 3,115,630).

As per claim 8, Lanford teaches the claimed “an apparatus” comprising:

an antenna including a disc-shaped element, the physical shape of which is at least partially defined by a fractal geometry (Lanford, figure 2).

Claim 9 adds into claim 8, wherein the physical shape of the disc-shaped element is at least partially defined by a hole (Lanford, figure 2, column 2, lines 13-27).

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Inquiries

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Huedung Cao whose telephone number is (571) 272-1939.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong, can be reached on (571) 272-1834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

11. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

Huedung Cao
Patent Examiner

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

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